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PROJECT CEASEFIRE

KC MAN INDICTED FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENT IN ORDER TO PURCHASE FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for making a false written statement regarding his criminal history in order to purchase a firearm. Today's indictment, Graves said, is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Dujuan A. Johnson, 22, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** made a false written statement when filling out the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives form 4473 in order to purchase a firearm. The indictment alleges that **Johnson** represented that he had not previously been convicted a of felony in order to acquire a firearm from a Wal-Mart on March 7, 2004. **Johnson** has two 2002 criminal felony convictions for burglary and a 2003 criminal felony conviction for attempted burglary.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment is simply an accusation and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal

prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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